

RCE # 1634



# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

## MAIL STOP RCE

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/461,308
Confirmation Number	3646
Filing Date	December 15, 1999
First Named Inventor	Taizo AKIMOTO
Group Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	F. LU
Matter Number	Q56519
Title	TEST PIECE AND QUANTITATIVE METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN ORGANISM-ORIENTED SUBSTANCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

## 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
  - v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

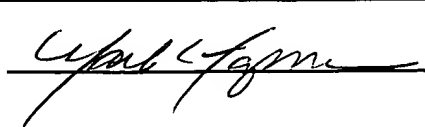
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## SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

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Signature  Date March 22, 2004



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q56519

Taizo AKIMOTO

Appln. No.: 09/461,308

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 22, 2003. As a Notice of Appeal was filed January 22, 2004 along with a petition for a three-month extension of time, a response is due on or before March 22, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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